

Mountain View Community Council Meeting Minutes April 10, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Hugh Wade at 7:04 pm.

March 13, 2006 minutes were approved.

Niki Burrows, Treasurer, presented the financial report. Report was approved.

Flag Salute took place.

The agenda was approved.

Announcements

-The Redevelopment Oversight Committee (ROC) for Mountain View will meet on an as-needed basis.

-The MVCC Executive Board will meet at 5:30 on April 25 in the Anchorage Job Center- Mountain View (room next door).

Assembly Report

Allan Tesche- Sales tax and Dan Coffey were not given a fair hearing after working for nearly a year on the proposal. Bond propositions were not warmly received with the three school bonds failing and the roads bond barely passing. There will be some delay in the renovations for Clark and other schools which were on the bond. The charter amendment to allow non-sworn officers to do simple tasks also failed. About 35% of the voters turned out. Kep: How many people were registered to vote. Allan: about 65% of Alaskans. Sol: What about the MV library? Allan: Most of the money has been secured, so it looks like its going to go. Small fire department bond passed and the two land transfers passed. Niki gave Allan a press release saying the new convention center will start construction in the next two weeks. Road closure downtown on 7th, and parking will be changed.

Legislature

Max Gruenberg reported on the legislative process. The finance committees are hearing reports on the oil legislation. This is the big bill. The session has been slow with not a lot of bills on the floor. A bill giving a tax break for police. State reimbursement on construction debt is pending and Max hopes it can pass as

presented. He wants 65% reimbursement. Question of whether to direct state to do an employment study. This revolves around Wal-Mart's practices Bill requiring large employers to support staff who are on Medicaid. Criminalization of watching DVD while driving as passed. People who are wrongly convicted can take a DNA test. Bill passed on house floor significantly increased the fines for people engaged in unfair trade practices. Working on the capital budget this week. There will probably be a special session. Tax break for officers living in certain neighborhoods. Not certain yet about level of funding for Glenn Highway project. Allan: when is the legislature going to deal directly with the oil and gas tax? Is it the expectation that they will pass the governor's proposal? Answer: There will mostly likely be an increase in the tax (not royalty oil since that money is Alaska's to begin with). Question on Max's health: Yes, he had a mild heart attack because of blocked arteries. He had had a bypass 7 ½ year ago.

Mt. View Patrol

Fred Schriener- Early morning and afternoons in school zones- be careful. Watch out for kids on motorscooters, especially because they are wearing dark clothing. Ron: Too many cars parked behind my building on Thursday night for the food bank. Move out of the alley. Ok to drive through, but don't park in alley. Fred: We'll send someone out to check on it. Ron has exchanged letters with Latino Lions. Fred has Megan and Nate as certified EMTs in the patrol. Niki: we can apply for state equipment grants.

Mt. View Clean-up

There is a complete report in the newsletter this month. The big event is April 22. Meet in SW part of Red Apple parking lot at 1:30. The Latino Lions have volunteered to help along with Stone Soup Group, Cordova Center, Cook Inlet Housing Authority. Niki is the keeper of the main list.

Job Center Report- David Alexander reported that 598 people visited the resource room and 44 were youth. The hours were 9 to 6 M-Th and 9 to 4 Friday. Chris Aquino is teaching computer skills, and other classes are available. There is no tuition for this- it is sponsored by the job center.

Vanessa Salinas from the Department of Labor and Workforce Development reported that employers were being sought as exhibitors for the youth job fair.. Educational opportunities will also be there. The youth job fair is scheduled for May 19 upstairs in the gym. Nine Star Enterprises is sponsoring the sandwiches for vendors from Noble's. The event is sponsored by Nine Star Enterprises, the Department of Labor, and the Boys and Girls Clubs. There will be a promo on the radio, and booths will be free to employers. This will be called a job expo. Vanessa left a flyer on the May 19 event.

APD Report

Cindi Stanton said Weed 'n Seed officers were so plentiful, it is hard to find scofflaws. They assisted with a medic assist and saved a life with the electronic

defibrillator. Deputy Chief said they were taking a lot of guns away from the kids as well as body armor. Summer and spring, trails are spots where people break into cars. Sol: Is the AED in the police car? Day shift officers have them and some swing shift and mid shift officers have a few. A woman's group raised money to buy some of them at about \$3,000 apiece. Scott: What about the article in the Daily News about how Weed 'n Seed was functioning? No, it is more traffic stops. They were able to solve several crimes at once after solving one crime. I won't be available next month, said Cindi.

Clark Middle School Plan

Michael Evans reported on the meetings which will be tomorrow, April 15 and in May. Michael and Barb Neeson visited Mirror Lake School to look at the improvements. One thing Barb mentioned is the need for disabled accessible areas for students, as, for example, in the shop. How many disabled students are there at Clark? Barb said 112. They are looking at pods for student seating.

Chanlyut

John Pavel reported on changes to the pink building next to Noble's. They will have two year residencies there. John was a member of the Delancey Street project in San Francisco. Changing the façade is also in the plans. Clarification: Pathways is for 14-18 and Chan Lyut is for adults. John worked at Delancey's in SF for 12 years. They want to be highly involved in the community.

Homeward Bound

David Fraites reported on Homeward Bound. He is an outreach specialist for them. Hugh: This has paved the way for Chanlyut. Thom Blackbird, Mountain View's past president, works at Homeward Bound.

Women's Commission

Ruddy Taylor reported on the public forum from 11:30 to 1:00 on April 12 at 845 L Street. Gathering input on violence against women and children.

Municipality of Anchorage

Teri Albrecht reported on the distribution of free bike helmets at O'Malley Elementary on Saturday, April 15. 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Sponsored by Providence Hospital and Alaska Safe Kids.

City Road Projects

Jacques Boutet and Anne Brooks- Focus on additional work on Mountain View Drive itself from Bragaw to Klevin in recent months. Also working on redevelopment of project coming up the hill from the Glenn. Should see a coordinated effort with the Glenn Square project. Convert Mountain View to a three lane road from the Glenn to Taylor. Reducing overall width of the road so that there is a bike lane on either side. Existing ML&P facilities make some of the adjustments difficult. The corner is the site near success by six being developed. New intersection from the south end of the mall will be a wide

roadway where you can enter the mall area. Just moving one pole is \$150,000 so they won't be able to put any lines underground. Last Friday a letter was mailed out of homeowner's property to the homeowner showing how the driveway would be reconstructed. The light fixtures will be the same as up Mountain View further- 18 foot high with a luminaire. Same levels of illumination. Substantial investment in lighting. Better lighting control. Pedestrian scale including cross-arms on poles in order to mount flower baskets. Bragaw to Klevin is slower, said Hugh. Jacques said this newer work was required because the shopping center was coming in. Want to have the roadwork done before the shopping center goes in. Main access to center will be at the 4 x 4 shop (old Tom's Plumbing). Design team will be wrapped up the beginning of this month. Claire: Where is the farmer's market, then? Tyler: Still working on that. The current design handles all projected traffic loads. No one wants to see both Bragaw to Klevin and Bragaw-Glenn closed at the same time. Courtney: How safe is the bike lane next to the road? Anyway to separate the two? Curbs or growler strips? Tyler: Will it be prominently striped? Yes. Keep bike crossings from intersections- makes it less safe. They moved away from this in the '80's. Need bike lane signs.

P.O'B Montgomery

Glenn Square project was publicly announced last week. The stores have been announced, but other stores want to join the mix. Agreement has been reached with the school district on the land between the mall and Clark.

343-4377 is Wendy Mikowki's number. Hauling dirt to the Clark site. Contractor is helping construct ASD's ball fields. There will be a traffic signal at Northern 4 x 4. Allan: Continue to advocate for a branch bank.

Long Range Transportation Plan

David Post reported that there are 50 projects and 50 million dollars coming in over the next fifteen years. 60,000 vehicles using the downtown streets. Glenn and Bragaw. Fifth Avenue will begin next year. Over the next 20 year period, use will double to 100,000 vehicles a day. Try to provide a connection between Glenn and Seward by depressing the roadway. 5th Avenue/Glenn beginning in 2008. Glenn and Bragaw slated to start in '07. It will be depressed underneath the Fifth Avenue and it will cost 600 million dollars. The undergrounds will be at 5th, 3rd, and Reeve.. Long term projects are Minnedota-Tudor interchange. O'Malley Seward highway free flowing interchange will allow a free flowing motion by the vehicles. Expand the Seward highway to an additional lane. 67, 96, and blah avenues will have overpasses. Muldoon-Glenn interchange will be improved. Not just a business as usual strategy. Benefit for car pooling. Seward-Tudor interchange, and Seward Highway expansion will include some new overpasses. There will be better traffic dispersal north of O'Malley including a connection to 68th. The carpool lane will be on the Glenn. The Seward/Tudor interchange will feature a cloverleaf. Don: How would the Knik Bridge affect DOT Planning? David: Did not do enough analysis to know the impact. The migration to the new area served by the bridge will take place over 20 years.

Sol: What thought has been given to mass transit? Moving people instead of cars? No particular response. Sol: Screwing up the rest of the city instead of fixing existing problems. Sol: When will the expansion of the Glenn occur? David: Probably toward 2015. Sol: will the rush to buy land negatively impact the green buffer on the new roadway? David: Instead, it could influence it positively.

Glenn/Bragaw Interchange

Paul Witt of HDR giving us such a good report. Priorities, RFQ process, and continued oversight by Mountain View and Allen Kemplen has led the citizen group in a series of meetings. Allen advises that we look at it very carefully. He had been involved in the 15th avenue and other road projects in Anchorage. Road will reconnect Mountain View and Russia Jack Better paths. Community preferences for lighting trails. Draft of collected priorities that we've drafted the past six weeks. Some of the priorities are safe, pedestrian, and non-motorized traffic process, adequate lighting, Bragaw interchange embraces the Mountain View, a major feature of the community. Appropriate hardscape. Decorative elements with fencing. Planters and plants. Noise control on south side of Glenn. Green space- transplanting some trees. Narrower intersection forcing people to slow down. Traffic calming/slowing. 15th and Karluk as a template. "Bulbs" at intersection. Much foot and non-motorized traffic in the neighborhood. Other options were classified as design elements. In Fairview there are fireweed colors. Paint color options can be considered. Patterns and low relief. Embankment on either side. Lights, lightposts, led lights for tunnels, safety in tunnels. Maximum width of the tunnel. Visibility from one end to the other. Looking out on third avenue. Maintenance. Drop lines for power. Water. Snow removal.

Gateway- the art component seems important. Not completely sure how much money will be allocated toward any part of the project. Expand that discussion to other considerations. A little too much that we as the community can consider. We need to get an artist on the design team. One of the overarching goals is that we would like to see Mountain View become an arts and cultural district. Great opportunity here. Want west side to be attractive and pedestrian friendly. It is 100% state money. No federal money involved. 39 million with 12 million toward acquisition of land.

Resolution

Niki moved, Kep seconded the resolution. Unanimously approved.

Clark Re-Design- Michael Evans reported that there were meetings coming up for Clark Re-Design tomorrow, April 15, and May 11.

Old Business

.My Neighborhood website (muni) now available.

Ron Pickles complained that pawn shops could not display their goods outdoors because they were second hand goods even though Wal Mart and other major retailers could do that.

P.O. Box was installed at the Red Apple.

President Hugh Wade called for the meeting to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Alexander, Secretary
Mountain View Community Council